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why I took a look and looked at what we have here, and we need to make sure that when we change the scope of practice, be it through the 407 process or not, I think it's incumbent upon us to make sure that there's the proper training that is involved there. And it's my understanding that there's not the training on an equal basis within physical therapy that there is within the field of chiropractic. So I just...I offered this amendment because it's necessary that we keep things congruent and consistent. I'm not privy to the negotiations that have taken place and I'm not on the Health Committee, but I have to cast a vote on these issues and so that's why I agreed to file the amendment, AM2890, to Senator Jensen's AM2754 that used to be a bill. And certainly there were objections to the green copy, for obvious reasons, and that's why I would urge the adoption of AM2890 to AM2754. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on the Smith amendment, AM2890, to AM2754. Open for discussion. Senator Smith, your light was on. Did you wish it to be on? He waives his right to speak. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Before I rise in support of the Jensen amendment, I want to say I oftentimes watch my colleagues and I see how certain colleagues treat one another and, Senator Brashear, what you showed tonight was the epitome of class, and all I can say is I hope my son is watching, because that's how we should treat one another. With that, I want to get to this bill. I support Senator Jensen's amendment. I want to give you a little story. I have a number of chiropractors in my...excuse me, a number of physical therapists in my district. I live close to Creighton University, and there's a large school there that teaches physical therapy. Last year I knew that Senator Jensen had introduced this bill; that was, I believe, LB 445. I had a number of my constituents that e-mailed me and said how they supported the bill. I indicated to them that, because you're my constituents, I looked at the bill, saw it just updated their practice code. And if I'm not using the right lingo I'm sure Senator Jensen or somebody will correct me. And after I looked into it, I indicated to them that I supported the bill, as well. Fast forward to this year. You know,